

The Alberta Operetta Company

PRESENTS . . .

“COUNTESS MARITZA”

AN OPERETTA IN THREE ACTS

Book and Lyrics by HARRY B. SMITH

Music by EMMERICH KALMAN



Under the musical direction of
JASCHA GALPERIN and NORMA PIPER



AT WESTERN CANADA AUDITORIUM

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ACT I.

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“Hola, Follow Me” LAZLO AND GYPSIES
“Live While You May” MANYA
“Call of Love” MANYA AND TASSILO
“In the Days Gone By” TASSILO AND STEFAN
“Yes and No” ZINGO AND GYPSIES
“The Music Thrills Me” MARITZA
“Golden Dreams” TASSILO AND LISA
“The One I’m Looking For” MARITZA AND ZUPAN
“They Used to Call Me Prince”..TASSILO
“Love is Not for Me” MARITZA
“Play Gypsies” ALL PRINCIPALS AND CHORUS

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ACT II.

ENTR'ACTE

“The One I’m Looking For” GYPSIES AND PEASANTS
“Don’t Tempt Me” TASSILO AND MANYA
“Ah! What a Spell!” MARITZA
“Every Fellow Has His
Dream” ZUPAN AND LISA
“The Two Barons” ZUPAN AND ZINGO
“Why Is the World So
Changed Today” TASSILO AND MARITZA
“All in vain of Love I’m
Dreaming” MARITZA
FINALE: “Play Gypsies” ALL PRINCIPALS AND CHORUS

ACT III.

“Joy of Life” FREDA, ZUPAN, ZINGO
FINALE ALL PRINCIPALS AND CHORUS

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SYNOPSIS OF PLAY

The young nobleman Count Tassilo Endrody having been forced to sell his estate in order to pay his debts, decides to become an overseer under the assumed name of Bela Torek on the estate of the Countess Maritza in order to earn an honest living. The Countess falls in love with him unaware that he is of equal rank to herself—so does Manya, the attractive Gypsy. The Countess to keep off fortune hunters has published her engagement to an imaginary nobleman, one Baron Zupan. A nobleman of the same name, however, reads of the engagement and arrives at the castle willing to fulfill his part of the bargain. The plot is further complicated by a mischievous old General, whose suit has already been rejected by Maritza. In revenge he introduces Zingo, an unscrupulous old soldier, as another Baron Zupan. In due course everything is disentangled and Tassilo, his estate restored by the generosity of his aunt the Princess Bozena, is united to his beloved Countess Maritza.



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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Countess Maritza	CLEONE DUNCAN
Count Tassilo Endrody	DONALD READ
Manya, a Gypsy Girl	ANNE MAKAR
Zingo, a minor soldier of fortune	H. G. GLYDE
Populesco, Honorary Colonel	T. E. SNELGROVE
Baron Koloman Zupan	B. K. KRYSAK
Lisa, Tassilo's sister	BETTY HILL
Captain Stefan, friend of Tassilo	J. TRICKEY
Lazlo, a Gypsy chief	IAN SMITH
Tsheko, Maritza's old servant	B. OSZ
Princess Bozena	MOLLY BEARE
Freda, Maritza's maid	SHIRLEY PLUMMER

DANCE SPECIALTIES: Jeanette Rankin, Georgina Tingay, Shirley Smith.

GYPSIES, OFFICERS, FLOWER GIRLS, GUESTS, FARMHANDS:
Faye Adams, June Aiello, R. Armstrong, Matilda Berke, Pat Bowe, Mrs. Cowie, Laura Cummer, Leslie Davies, Mary Fleetham, Isabelle Gregg, Mary Haig, Marjorie Horwood, Wilma Kadar, Winnifred Lacey, Gertrude Lea, Barbara Lowry, Marilyn McDonald, Barbara McCullough, Damamris Miller, Lillian Merenchuk, Dolores Murray, Ann Moore, Marie McDermott, Annley Patterson, Jeanne Robbins, Daisy Short, Barbara Slater, Mrs. I. Smith, Fiona Skakun, Nancy Stevenette, Mary Stretton, Yvonne Turner, Muriel Ward, Malcolm Blackburn, William Girling, Bert Joyner, Stan Martin, Warren Smith.



Act I—The Garden of Countess Maritza's Castle in Hungary.

Acts II and III—Room in Castle.

Intermission between Acts I and II.

Curtain will be lowered for one minute between Acts II and III to indicate lapse of four hours.



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